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1. The Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC), in accordance with a decision made at the XII Plenum of the Party, has initiated a series of lectures on Marxism to be given by Party members. It is planned to publish these lectures in pamphlet form for public distribution.
2. The first lecture in the series was given by Pablo Balcazar on 12 March 1949 and was entitled "Evolution of Communism in the World." He devoted the last part of his lecture to the problems facing Communism in Colombia today. He emphasized the desirability of an alliance with another political party, stating that the only one possible to approach was the Gaitanist section of the Liberal Party. Unfortunately, he pointed out, the leaders of the Liberal Party, particularly Francisco Jose Chaux and Luis Cano, owner of El Espectador, the Liberal daily, are opposed to Communism. He warned his listeners against Carlos H. Pareja, who, having failed in his campaign to win control of the Liberal Party, would probably attempt to join the PCC in the belief that the Communists would support him in his political campaign. The PCC should repulse any such attempt particularly as it is known that Pareja is in close contact with Augusto Duran Ospino.
3. The second lecture in the series will be given by Jorge Pacheco Quintero, Communist lawyer in Bogota, who will discuss the present position of Colombia in relation to international Communist plans. Berman Quintero (fnu), physician on the staff of the Military Hospital in Bogota, is also preparing a lecture which will be concerned with the differences in sanitation and public health conditions in the Soviet Union and the capitalistic countries.

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